

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 07/12/2004. In the Office Action, claims 1-67 were restricted under 35 USC 121.

Reconsideration of the restriction in view of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-67 were previously pending. Claim 60 has been amended by this response. Claims 11-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claim is added. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 16-67 are now currently pending in this application. Of those pending, claims 1, 4, 16, 21, 29, 43, 54, and 60 are independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this response.

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-67 were restricted into two distinct inventions under 35 USC 121 as follows:

I) Claims 1-10 and 16-67 drawn to a semiconductor device and classified in class 257, subclass 532.

II) Claims 11-15 drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 393.

Applicant hereby elects to go forward with claims 1-10 and 16-67 in group I without traverse.

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 11-15 in group II without prejudice to withdraw these claims and comply with the restriction requirement.

II) CLAIM AMENDMENT

Applicant has amended claim 60.

Independent claim 60 had an extra period within the body of the claim. Applicant has amended claim 60 to change the period into a comma.

This amendment to claim 60 was made to correct a typographical error unrelated to reasons of patentability.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, a first substantive examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Allowance of the pending claims at an early date is respectfully solicited.

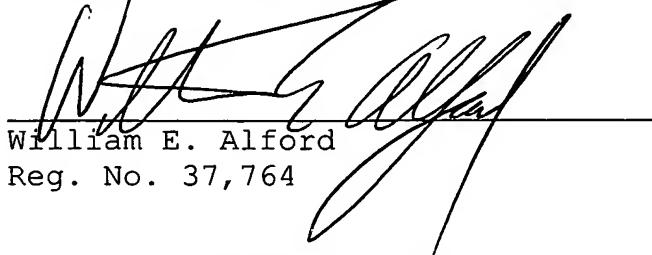
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made.

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Respectfully submitted,

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